

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TALCHER BIMLAGARH RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year in which the Talcher–Bimlagarh railway project was started along with the initial target date for completion;
- (b) the time and cost overrun of the said railway project of Orissa; and
- (c) the time by which the said project is targeted to be completed and likely to be opened for passenger traffic?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Talcher–Bimlagarh (154 Kms) new line project was included in the Supplementary Budget 2003–04. Preliminary works like the final location survey, soil exploration survey along the alignment, geotechnical investigation of tunnels & bridges, preparation of detailed cost estimates, etc. were taken up thereafter. No target date of completion of this project has been fixed as yet.

(b): The project was included at a cost of Rs. 726.96 crore in the Supplementary Budget 2003–04. The Detailed Estimate for the project has recently been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 810.78 crore.

(c): No target date of completion has yet been fixed. The work will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources.